



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE 656th MEETING OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURES COMMISSION

The 656th meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission was held on October 21, 2004, in Room 864 at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California. A list of those in attendance follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bertrum M. CeDillos, Chair
Clifton Albright, Vice Chair
Nelson L. Atkins
Walter P. Coombs
William J. Galloway
Ann Jackson
Carol Rose
Robbi J. Work

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Heather Aubry, Los Angeles City Attorney
Capt. Ken Masse, LASD
Sgt. Bruce Haar, LASD
Danette Myers, L. A. County Bar Association
Dennis P. Zine, Independent Cities Association

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Darby Chen, Superior Court
Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office
Laura Green, Public Defender's Office
Honorable John H. Sandoz, Superior Court
Zoe Venhuizen, Superior Court
Larry Wilson, District Attorney's Office
Mita Zemensa

CALL TO ORDER

Chair CeDillos called the 656th regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Judicial Procedures Commission (JPC) as a whole to order at 12:28 p.m.

Noting a quorum Chair CeDillos called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office, was asked to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by introductions of Commissioners, Ex-Officio Members, Staff, and guests.

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Sylvia Scott-Hayes
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MEMBERS EXCUSED

Lee Kanon Alpert
Thomas J. Jeffers
Janice Kamenir-Reznik
Neal S. Millard
Sylvia Scott Hayes

CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Lt. George Bush, LAPD
Michael Karsch, Los Angeles City

GUESTS

Steven Gourley

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Jim Corbett
Dedie Ward
Ken Wales

PUBLIC

Roni C. Ellis

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2004

On motion of Commissioner Galloway, seconded by Commissioner Work, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of September 23, 2004 were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair CeDillos reported that he attended the Italian American Lawyers' Dinner which was also attended by the California State Supreme Court Justices.

GUEST SPEAKER – STEVEN GOURLEY, FORMER DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Chair CeDillos welcomed and introduced Steven Gourley and offered background information on his accomplishments and professional career.

Mr. Gourley gave an overview of the operations of the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the various programs and service enhancements that were implemented during his term of office to improve service delivery to customers. Mr. Gourley also shared some of his personal experiences as the Director and spoke about current issues the Department is addressing.

Following a question and answer period, Chair CeDillos thanked Mr. Gourley for his informative presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

JPC Donation Trust Fund Report

Commissioner Jackson reported that a joint meeting of the Child Waiting Room and Donation Trust Fund Committees was held last month to address the needs of the various waiting rooms and determine what type of assistance the Trust Fund Committee could provide.

The Committee is still seeking alternative funding resources to complete the child waiting room in Airport Court. Although several generous donations have been made to the Donation Trust Fund, an additional \$1,500 is needed.

Commissioner Rose reported that the Assistant District Attorney's Association received approval earlier this year to design and sell stationery and donate the proceeds from the sales to the JPC Trust Fund. Commissioner Rose will look into the status of that project and report back to the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding alternative resources and funding opportunities the Commission could look into. Suggestions were made to contact several organizations and agencies such as the Commission for Women, private foundations, charitable organizations, the Airport Police Association, Airport Supervisor Association, the Airport Commission and Proposition 10 funding, to request donations.

Feasibility of Seeking Prop. 10 Funds

This item was continued to a future meeting.

Child Custody Exchange Update

Bea Dieringer, District Attorney's Office, reported that Temple City and the Carson Sheriff's Stations are available as custody exchange sites. The organization Bienvinedos will provide staffing for the Temple City Station, and L.A. Wings will provide staffing for the Carson station.

Committee member Peggy Shuttleworth has been assigned to look into the criteria for applying for grant funding with the Safe Havens Grant, Safe Havens Access Grant and Violence Against Women's Act, to subsidize staffing needs for the proposed exchange centers. Funds may also be needed to develop a training video for staff at the centers, brochures and also to conduct background checks on center personnel.

Chair CeDillos thanked and acknowledged the efforts of Ex-Officio Member Zine and Michael Karsch for securing computers from the City of Los Angeles for the two exchange centers.

Police Overtime Update

Lt. George Bush, LAPD, reported that the LAPD overtime reduction program is progressing successfully. A Task Force was formed with the Los Angeles City Attorney to reduce overtime costs which have lowered between March and August this year. The Department is in the process of implementing a performance measurement tool to determine the value of the cost reductions.

Lt. Bush added that the Judiciary has also been most helpful in this matter by reducing continuances, and his department is working with the Sheriff's Department on a similar plan.

Ex-Officio Member Zine mentioned that the City of Los Angeles, City Attorney, and the District Attorney are also making an effort to notify officers when they are not needed in court.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Roni C. Ellis expressed her concerns regarding the Sheriff's Department, Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Superior Court Commissioners.

Commissioner Coombs informed the Commission about an article in the Sacramento Bee Newspaper regarding the Governor's veto of a bill that would allow judges to secure an advisory opinion from the legislature on questions raised over the Three

Strikes Law. Commissioner Coombs suggested that this issue may be something the Commission may want to address and was asked by Chair CeDillos to provide additional information to the Commission for review at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.